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For: **DEPTH AND PUNCTURE CONTROL FOR SYSTEM FOR HEMOSTASIS  
OF BLOOD VESSEL**

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue after payment of the issue fee to permit reopening of prosecution. The examiner will communicate an office action to you.

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The above-identified application is being forwarded to the examiner for prompt appropriate action, including notifying applicant of the new status of this application.

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